

OBJECTION TO PROPOSAL:

Bottisham Budgens , Units 2-6, 56 High Street, Bottisham, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB25 9DA

A convenience store also for the Supply of alcohol OFF the premises 06:00 - 22:00 Monday to Sunday

To: the Licensing Section,
East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange,
Nutholt Lane, Ely,
Cambridgeshire, CB7 4EE **by 21/04/25**

As concerned Bottisham residents, we, the undersigned, wish to state our strong objection to the proposed licence for the above premises.

Bottisham already has a Co-Op yards away which sells convenience foods, goods and alcohol. In our view, this Budgens application does not fulfill a need. It is a duplication. In addition, by taking 5 units, this proposal prevents a diversity of retail offerings that would truly benefit our village. We are also certain that this new application will cause enormous new problems for residents and radically change our neighbourhood for the worse. This Budgens proposal would effectively widen the shopping/entertainment/drinking zone in Bottisham all the way from the Triangle and the established shops to The Old Garage 56 High Street, causing problems of noise, litter, alcohol-related behaviour, early/late shopping, parking, extra traffic for all the residents between those areas.

Bottisham already suffers from parking problems, litter, noise from deliveries, and anti-social behaviour around the Co-Op near the corner of Bell Road. However, the Co-Op store exists in a long established strip of shops in a defined shopping/entertainment/services area in the village. To have a Budgens with long opening hours, selling alcohol, needing noisy early deliveries in a mostly residential Conservation Area is a radical and unwelcome departure from what residents lived with successfully and

peacefully when 56 High Street housed a motor mechanics workshop and a scientific instrument maker, open office hours and till midday on Saturdays.

We object to this application on the following grounds:

(a) **INCREASED NOISE:** We can predict high levels of noise from deliveries at anti-social hours (open 6am till 10pm) 7 days a week. This noise will come not only from the HGVs/trucks but from the loading/unloading of crates and boxes. As this proposed Budgens would be in a residential area, residents' sleep will be disturbed both in the morning and evening. There are many listed buildings which are prohibited from having double glazing in their street-facing bedrooms, so residents will have no way of blocking out the high levels of additional noise.

Traffic noise from shoppers - turning, parking, starting their cars, banging doors, talking loudly - in the very early morning and late evening would increase to problem levels. Traffic noise from shoppers from 6am till 10pm 7 days a week is excessive, with no respite any day of the week, for an area with an established, relatively peaceful residential character.

This proposal would mean an increase in traffic noise from Budgens workers who would arrive no doubt earlier than 6am and leave later than 10pm.

The high level of HGV and delivery truck traffic necessary to keep the proposed Budgens stocked will cause more damage to the pot-holed High Street and will increase the road noise for residents.

(b) **ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:** Students from BVC, who have limits on their numbers in the Co-Op, would congregate outside before and after school, causing a nuisance to residents, making a noise and damaging property. The alcohol would be sold to be consumed off the premises - unfortunately for residents, alcohol bought at Budgens would therefore be consumed up and down the High Street, in the Church yard, in the green area near the village sign, on the brick flower bed outside The Old Garage premises themselves. This would create problems for residents in the wider community, far beyond the premises of the proposed Budgens store.

(c) **INCREASED LITTER:** Litter from fast food sold by the proposed Budgens would be dropped outside the shop and on the High Street, causing nuisance to residents.

(d) AN INCREASE IN INCONSIDERATE AND DANGEROUS PARKING:

A lack of sufficient parking for such a big store would cause inconsiderate shoppers to park across and opposite driveways on the High Street, causing a nuisance and danger to residents.

We, the undersigned, strongly object to this proposed licence.

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